AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

Applicant submits herewith eight (8) sheets of new drawings. The amendments to the drawings are as follows:

As requested by the Examiner in the Office Action, the Applicant has amended his drawings to bring the drawings into compliance. Fig. 7 has been modified to correct the spelling error of the work ticket. Reference character 20 in Fig. 6 has been removed. Reference characters 184 and 186 have been removed from Fig. 8. Reference character 242 has been removed from Fig 3. Attached are the replacement sheets required by the Examiner with the appropriate labeling.

Attachment: Replacement sheets

REMARKS

Claim 16 has been amended to remove Examiner's objection. Claim 6 no longer contains the informalities objected too by the Examiner due to the amendment of claim 1. Claims 1, 15, and 22 have been currently amended to traverse the Examiner's 35 USC § 102 rejections. Claims 25 and 26 have been added and are new. Applicant argues around the Examiner's rejections in claim 3 and 14.

The Subject Invention

The Examiner will appreciate that the independent claims have been amended to further emphasize that the method and system of the subject embodiments comprise linking a master job control ticket with user selectable global attributes and user selectable individual ticket attributes to an associated plurality of job control tickets. The global attributes affect the plurality of the job tickets, while the user selectable individual ticket attributes affect only certain individual tickets when activated. Further limitations relate to the system allowing the master control tickets to make changes to attributes of underlying job tickets, without affecting the settings of the underlying job tickets. This allows the job ticket to be used in its unchanged state by other the print jobs and master control tickets.

Claim 16

The objection due to informality in claim 16 has been removed by the Applicant's amendment to the claim. Therefore the Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw his objection and allow these claims.

Claim 6

The objection due to informality in claim 6 has been removed due to amendment of claim 1 to include the limitation of the "master job control ticket." Therefore the Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw his objection and allow these claims.

Claim 1, 15 and 22

Claims 1, 15 and 22 have been amended to include a master job control ticket which can control the printing properties of the tickets under it, with either global or individually targeted instructions, which change the properties of the ticket if selected but only under the master job control ticket. The changes to the master job control ticket are not passed through to the ticket itself, the properties are only changed when the ticket is used with the associated master job control ticket. This allows for changes to the job control tickets under one master job control ticket without globally affecting the settings of that same job control ticket which is also used outside of the master job control ticket under which the changes were made. The specification gives the example of the individually selected attribute being the ability to enable or disable the job ticket without deleting it. It should be appreciated that it may be undesirable to purge any given ticket from the master job control ticket or the system since a user may seek to revive the "deleted" ticket at a later time.

The prior art does not teach the use of the master job control ticket to "selectively" apply attributes to tickets. Another example of selective application of attributes is where a user programs the master job control ticket to use different margin settings for job control tickets 1, 2 and 3 without changing the margin settings of job control tickets 1, 2 and 3 used elsewhere throughout the system. The master job control ticket will also use the regular settings for job control tickets 4 and 5. This is useful because the changes in the super ticket for the new job would not force a user to make a global change to the job control ticket settings for tickets 1, 2 and 3. By allowing for the use of these selective attribute changes with the master job control ticket, the user can take advantage of the settings in the individual tickets and make modifications to those settings without affecting the settings of the job control tickets in other master job control tickets or in use individually. The prior art does not teach the use of the master job control ticket to selectively set attributes to specific job control tickets. There is no where in the prior art that the selection of 1, 2 and 3 can be performed without also selecting 4 and 5 if they too are included under the master job control ticket. Because of the amendment to claims 1, 15 and 22 the Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw his rejection and allow these claims.

Claims 2-14, 16-21 and 23-24

Dependent claims 2-14, 16-21 and 23-24 should also be allowed because of the amendments made to their associated independent claims 1, 15 and 22. Therefore the Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw his rejection and allow these claims.

Claim 3

The Applicant also argues that the Examiner's rejection of claim 3 was incorrect and traverses the rejection. The prior art element 438 does not show what the Examiner claims, global instructions which are associated with job tickets. It shows a printer attribute but it does not show any association with job tickets or any relationship with those job tickets. Element 438 merely shows printer settings under Book 2. Book 2 does not show any tickets or Documents which are associated with the printer settings. If it did show Documents, they would appear as separate folders from the Printer Settings. As separate folders it could not be inferred that the Printer Settings would affect the settings of the Documents which are themselves in separate Document folders on the same level as the Printer Settings. In Book 1, Fig 4 436, it can be seen that Book 1 has Document 2 and Document 3. No where in the specification is it claimed that the settings in Document 2 affect the settings of Document 3. By having Documents and Printer Settings at the same level, as Documents 2 and 3 are in 436 of Fig. 4, there is no sharing of properties between the folders which are at the same level. In fact Fig. 4 teaches that the Printer Properties 438 and the Documents are all at the same level and therefore there are no global properties. Therefore the Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw his rejection and allow this claim.

Claim 14

The Applicant also argues that the Examiner's rejection of claim 14 was incorrect and traverses the rejection. In his rejection the Examiner argues that if the second user selectable portion is not selected, it will simply not show up on the GUI. Applicant argues that what the Examiner is describing is the deletion of the second user selectable portion. The Applicant's system offers the advantage that the job control ticket may be de-selected without being deleted. This results in the job control ticket

being available for future use in the master job control ticket. It is useful to maintain an inactive job control ticket under the master job control ticket because it enables the use of that job control ticket in the future without searching for its location. The prior art does not teach this feature and therefore Applicant respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw his rejection.
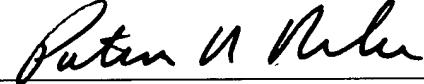
CONCLUSION

For the reasons detailed above, it is respectfully submitted all claims remaining in the application (Claims 1-26) are now in condition for allowance.

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